IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Snyder et al. Application No.: 10/821,745 Filed: April 9, 2004

Group No. 1611 Examiner: Ghali, Isis Conf. 1863

For: SUSTAINED RELEASE SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows and consider the following remarks.